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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, the 9th April 1974/Chaitra 24, 1896 S. E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at One of the Clock.

MADAM SPEAKER : (SMT. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA) , in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS
(To which oral answers were given)

ENQUIRY INTO POLICE ATROCITIES IN BELGAUM AND SHAHAPUR

594. SRI P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagaon).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state : -

(*a*) whether a representation was made to the Chief Minister during his visit to Belgaum in the month of January 1974 by some ladies from Belgaum and Shahapur regarding the police atrocities on 3rd January 1974 and thereafter,

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in the matter

(c) if so, the result of such enquiry ;

(*d*) if not, the reason for not conducting any enquiry :

(*e*) whether Government intends to hold an enquiry in the matter ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Education) on behalf of SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes; A representation dated 6th January 1974 from the representatives of Seema Kurit Samit, Belgaum on behalf of the Marathi-speaking community of Belgaum was presented to the Chief Minister.

(*b*) The allegations contained in the representation were enquired into.

(*c*) The allegations are found to be baseless.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of replies to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) above.

(*e*) No.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE.—In answer to (b) it is stated that allegations were enquired into. May I know who enquired into the allegations ?

† SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—The Police Officers.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE.—May I know what are the basis on which it is stated that the allegations are baseless ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—During that disturbance the miscreants belonging to both Kannada and Marathi groups have been arrested and enquired into. This is the basis on which we say it is baseless.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE —May I know whether any Officer has submitted his report in this matter ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—Nobody has submitted any report.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE.—When that is the case, how do you say that there was any enquiry at all ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—Enquiry has not been conducted at all. It was only an oral enquiry.

SRI P.A. PAWASHE.—I want a definite answer from the hon Minister whether there was an enquiry conducted or there was no enquiry at all ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—The matter was looked into by the Police and it was found baseless. One of the allegations was Police protection was not given to them, On enquiry it was found baseless.

SRI P.A. PAWASHE.—I want to know what was the basis on which it was found baseless and may I know why further enquiry was not conducted when it was brought to the notice ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—It was submitted to the Chief Minister that the matter was looked into by the Police and found that they were baseless.

SRI P.A. PAWASHE.—You said that allegations were found baseless. May I know whether the result of the enquiry has been communicated to the concerned parties who made representation ?

Asterisks indicate that remarks or speaches have not been revised by the member concerned.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.— No reply was given to the concerned parties because the allegations were baseless.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE —Madam Speaker, no satisfactory answer is given. It is an indifferent answer. To protest this we walk out.

(Both Sri P. A. Pawashe and Sri M. B. Sirdesai walked out of the House)

MADAM SPEAKER.—Qn. No. 450 and 542.

The hon Minister for food and Forest is not present in the house. As regards the other questions, the Hon. members are absent. This is very unfortunate that both members and the Ministers are absent.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—Madam Speaker, I will be in-charge of P,W.D. Minister's questions also.

MADAM SPEAKER.—When I call the Question either the Minister is absent or the concerned member is absent. This is very unfortunate. Now the Questions are over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY (BUT NOT TAKEN UP)

ASSAULT ON SRI B. B SAYANAK BY POLICE

426. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum) —Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Sri B. B. Sayanak, Member, Legislative Assembly from Belgaum was encircled by the Belgaum Police in the presence of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Salaskar in Khadakgalli, Belgaum and was assualted on 23rd July 1973,

(*b*) whether it is a fact that as a result of assault by the police his right hand was fractured ?

SRI DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) —

(*a*) No.

(*b*) He was not assauted by the Police.